the Government of India under para 52 of the Employees Provident Fund Scheme, 1952.

(c) The total interest earning during the year 2001-2002 on the Employees Provident Fund was Rs. 9613.16 crore. The interest income is reinvested as per the extent pattern of investment.

(d) Upto 31.3.2002 the total unclaimed amount was Rs. 381.91 crore.

Expenditure on per I.P. Family Unit

2295. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Central Government to increase the ceiling of expenditure on the scheme per I.P. family unit per annum;

(b) if so, what is the present status; and

(c) by when a decision would be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The ESI Corporation has entrusted Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad to conduct a study & suggest a reasonable ceiling. The report is likely to be received by the end of February, 2003 and on its receipt, the same will be placed before the ESI Corporation for taking a decision on the same.

Identity Cards to ESI Beneficiaries

†2296. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Government order most of the people availing services of the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESI), who have been asked to get computerized identity cards within 15 days, have been deprived of the services since the first September, of this year;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.